

REMARKS

Claims 1-64 are pending in this case. Claims 1-29 and 38-64 were withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected subject matter (see, Applicant's response to Restriction Office Action mailed February 21, 2007).

Claim 30 has now been amended. Claim 33 has now been canceled. New claims 65-67 have now been added.

Specifically, Applicant has chosen to amend claim 30, so as to read on compounds that are more structurally related to 6-chloro-1-hydroxybenzotriazol-1-yl-N-oxy-tris(pyrrolidino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyClock), an exemplary coupling agent that has general Formula I, according to the present embodiments. The Examiner's attention is directed in this regard to the structural formula of PyClock, presented in page 17, line 7-10 of the instant application. Further support for these amendments is found, for example, on the description from page 31, line 25 to page 32, line 3, and on page 33, lines 5-6.

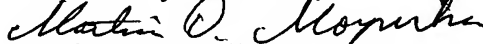
Consequently, claim 33, which included limitations now added to amended claim 30, has been canceled.

Applicant has further chosen to add new claims 65 and 66, which read on a compound having Formula I, in which the phosphor atom bears 3 pyrrolidine groups, and in which the anion (Z) is hexafluorophosphate. Support for the subject matter of new claims 65 and 66 can be found, for example, on page 17, lines 7-10, on page 32, lines 16-19 and on page 33, lines 1-4.

Applicant has further chosen to add new claim 67, which specifically recites 6-chloro-1-hydroxybenzotriazol-1-yl-N-oxy-tris(pyrrolidino)phosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyClock) as a coupling agent having said general Formula I. Support for the subject matter of new claim 67 is found throughout the application (see, for example, Figure 5, page 17, lines 3-10, and the entire Examples section of the instant application).

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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